

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus having a longitudinal axis, and having operation modes, comprising:

first and second housings each having front and rear surfaces and a rotation axis located between said front and rear surfaces,

displaying means provided on said front surface of said first housing, and adapted to display image data or character data on a screen;

operating means provided on said front surface of said second housing, and having a plurality of keys to be selectively operated by a user;

rotating means for connecting said first housing with said second housing, and to allow said first and second housings to be rotated with respect to each other under the condition that said rotation axis of each of said first and second housings is axially aligned with said longitudinal axis;

rotation angle detecting means for detecting a rotation angle and a rotation direction of one of said first and second housings with respect to the other of said first and second housings when said first and second housings are rotated with respect to each other; and

setting means for selecting, from among said operation modes, an operation mode corresponding to the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means, and setting said selected operation mode to ensure that said mobile communication apparatus assumes said selected operation mode, wherein

said setting means is further responsive to the clockwise or anticlockwise direction of rotary movement between said displaying means and said operating means about said rotation axis, said direction of rotary movement being for controlling said operation modes in accordance with whether the detected direction of rotary movement is clockwise or anticlockwise.

Claims 2 and 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in claim 1, in which said rotating means includes a rotation shaft provided in one of said first and second housings, and a retaining unit provided in the other of said first and second housings and

configured to allow said rotation shaft to be rotatable around its rotation axis axially aligned with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in claim 1, which further comprises a camera unit provided on said rear surface of said second housing, said camera unit having a direction opposite to the direction of said screen of said displaying means, and in which

said operation modes includes a camera mode,

said setting means is operative to set said camera mode when said combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means corresponds to said camera mode.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in claim 6, which has additional functions in each operation mode, and further comprises sub-operating unit provided on said rear surface of said second housing, said sub-operating unit having a plurality of keys to be selectively operated by said user,

said mobile communication apparatus is operative to selectively perform said additional functions when said keys of said sub-operating unit are operated by said user.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus ~~as set forth in claim 1, in which~~ having a longitudinal axis, and having operation modes, comprising:

first and second housings each having front and rear surfaces and a rotation axis located between said front and rear surfaces,

displaying means provided on said front surface of said first housing, and adapted to display image data or character data on a screen;

operating means provided on said front surface of said second housing, and having a plurality of keys to be selectively operated by a user;

rotating means for connecting said first housing with said second housing, and to allow said first and second housings to be rotated with respect to each other under the condition that said rotation axis of each of said first and second housings is axially aligned with said longitudinal axis;

rotation angle detecting means for detecting a rotation angle and a rotation direction of one of said first and second housings with respect to the other of said first and second housings

when said first and second housings are rotated with respect to each other; and

setting means for selecting, from among said operation modes, an operation mode corresponding to the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means, and setting said selected operation mode to ensure that said mobile communication apparatus assumes said selected operation mode, wherein

said operation modes includes a television mode,

said mobile communication apparatus is operative to turn the channel on the basis of the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means when said first and second housings are further rotated with respect to each other under the condition that said mobile communication apparatus is in said television mode.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus ~~as set forth in claim 1, in which~~ having a longitudinal axis, and having operation modes, comprising:

first and second housings each having front and rear surfaces and a rotation axis located between said front and rear surfaces,

displaying means provided on said front surface of said first housing, and adapted to display image data or character data on a screen;

operating means provided on said front surface of said second housing, and having a plurality of keys to be selectively operated by a user;

rotating means for connecting said first housing with said second housing, and to allow said first and second housings to be rotated with respect to each other under the condition that said rotation axis of each of said first and second housings is axially aligned with said longitudinal axis;

rotation angle detecting means for detecting a rotation angle and a rotation direction of one of said first and second housings with respect to the other of said first and second housings when said first and second housings are rotated with respect to each other; and

setting means for selecting, from among said operation modes, an operation mode corresponding to the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means, and setting said selected operation mode to ensure that said mobile communication apparatus assumes said selected operation mode, wherein

said operation modes includes a volume adjusting mode,

said mobile communication apparatus is operative to change the volume on the basis of the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means when said first and second housings are further rotated with respect to each other in said volume adjusting mode.